



**WHITESTOWN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 11, 2017**

**Minutes**

**1. OPENING THE MEETING**

- A. Call to Order – **Eric** called the meeting to order at 7:06pm
- B. Roll Call – **Jeff** absent
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Election of Town Council President – **Susan** m/m to re-elect **Eric**, **Kevin** 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4-0 in favor.
- E. Election of Town Council Vice-President – **Eric** m/m to re-elect **Susan**, **Clinton** 2<sup>nd</sup> 4-0 in favor.

**2. PRESENTATIONS - None**

**3. CLERK TREASURER REPORT**

- A. Town Management Report (12/31/16) | WMU Management Report (12/31/16)  
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**4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS – Planning and Community Development, DPW (Water Monitoring) Parks, Police, Fire \*\* - Susan** said she thought the department reports were all very good, especially Planning and Community Development report and **Tanya's** report. **Kevin** said he thought other communities could learn from these reports.

**Parks Report – Dax** and **Nathan** talked about how busy we are and the layers of government involved. **Dax** said they are considering absolving the Parks Board indefinitely, but still have a Parks fund. The only thing **Nathan** could see which would hold this up is if DNR would consider the Council as a Parks Board. **Nathan** made the point that it could take longer to get projects started and moving forward with the rapid growth of the town. **Kevin** asked if there would need to be a separate meeting for Parks, **Steve** said they would not need to have separate meeting.

**Nathan** also said the Spaulding PUD, that **Mr. Spaulding** would donate the lands and within the next 60-90 days we could own the last piece of land could be owned to connect our trail to Zionsville. Council praised **Nathan's** work to get this done.

Susan m/m to make amendments to the agenda, H, I, J, K, and L. Clinton 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4-0 to amend the agenda.

5. **PUBLIC REQUEST TO SPEAK** – No Requests

6. **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes – **12/14/2016 Special Meeting Minutes I 12/21/2016 Regular Meeting Minutes \***
- B. **B. Claims December 16-31 Expenses Town I December 16-31 Revenues Town I December 2016 Utility Claims (RD, Water Operating, Water Capacity, Wastewater Operating) \*\* - Susan m/m to adopt the above claims, Clinton 2<sup>nd</sup> 4-0, adopted.**

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **PUBLIC HEARING: Consider the Formation of the Whitestown Sanders ERA #1 – No one spoke. Clinton m/m to close public hearing, Susan 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4-0 closed.**
- B. **Consider a Resolution Confirming An Economic Revitalization Area for Real and Personal Property Tax Abatement (Sanders Pre-Cast Concrete Systems, Inc.) (*Resolution 2017-01*) Council Action Form I Resolution – Clinton did the first reading of the Resolution. Clinton m/m to adopt, Susan 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4-0 adopted.**
- C. **Discuss the 2017 Budget with the Public Safety Local Income Tax 2017 Budget Sheet – Dax said we are going to receive approx. \$200k more in LIT than was estimated. Eric said he would like to see more of the money go into capital projects instead of personnel. Dax said the spirit of the bill to pass the LIT was to add much needed personnel. Clinton said that these were basically the same plans which were presented at the time of the LIT being discussed and passed. Eric and Susan would like to see the additional \$200k to go into capital. Dax asked the Council if they are wanting to store the \$200k away and allow everything as previously discussed to continue forward. Clinton m/m to approve the PSD to move forward with the proposed LIT funding tonight, Susan 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4-0, approved.**
- D. **Consider an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2016-46 (2017 Salary Ordinance) (*Ordinance 2017-01*) – Kevin asked about the special pays and other pays in police and fire, and if the Council could get the numbers to know how many would be getting those pays. Discussion ensued. Clinton did the first read. Clinton m/m to suspend rules to adopt. Susan 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4-0 rules suspended. Clinton did 2<sup>nd</sup> read, then m/m to adopt. Eric 2<sup>nd</sup>; Susan asked about the “other” pays under the Police Department – Dax said he did not change any pays under the PD. 4-0 adopted.**
- E. **Consider an Ordinance Concerning Trees and Vegetation (*Ordinance 2017-02*) – Kevin did first read.**

F. **Consider Appointments to Boards and Commissions** – Eric m/m that the Council Appoints the following people to the board – Susan 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4-0 adopted.

- **Eric** m/m to re-appoint Sarah Ford, Bryan Brackemyre, Kyle Weathers, Megan Swain, and Clinton Bohm to the RDC, **Susan** 2<sup>nd</sup>, **4-0 adopted**. Council President Miller's appointments were Sarah Ford, Bryan Brackemyre, and Clinton Bohm.
- **Eric** m/m re-appoint, **Clinton** 2<sup>nd</sup>, **4-0 adopted**.
- **Eric** m/m to re-appoint Dara Oliver to the Fire Board, **Clinton** 2<sup>nd</sup>, **4-0 adopted**.
- **Eric** m/m to re-appoint Jim Cunningham and Susan Austin to the Historic Preservation Commission, **Clinton** 2<sup>nd</sup>, **4-0 adopted**.
- **Eric** m/m to appoint James Tomlinson-Chapman to the Human Relations Committee, **Clinton** 2<sup>nd</sup>, **4-0 adopted**.
- **Eric** m/m to appoint Kevin Russell and Clinton Bohm to the RDA, **Susan** 2<sup>nd</sup>, **4-0 adopted**.
- **Susan** m/m that Eric Miller is on the RDA, **Clinton** 2<sup>nd</sup>, **4-0 adopted**.
- **Susan** m/m to Nominate Matthew Watson and Angel Badillo to the Veterans Committee, **Clinton** 2<sup>nd</sup>, **4-0 adopted**.
- **Susan** m/m to appoint Bill Fletcher, Ron Domres, Matt Helfen, and Derek Ford to the Veterans Committee, **Clinton** 2<sup>nd</sup>, **4-0 adopted**.
- **Eric** m/m to appoint Susan Austin to Police Board as the Council liaison, **Clinton** 2<sup>nd</sup>, **3-1 adopted (Kevin was the "no")**.

G. **Discuss the Scheduling of the 2017 Town Council Strategic Planning Workshop** – **Dax** said we really need to dig in on how to spend money for the projects we have coming up. **Eric** m/m to schedule the meeting Feb 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm, 4-0 adopted.

H. **Ordinance 2017-03** – **Clinton** did first read.

I. **DNR Funds for Big 4 Trailhead** – **Nathan** said the DNR will reimburse. **Susan** m/m using the same form used every time to have the appraisal updated not exceeding \$1,200. **Clinton** 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4-0 adopted.

J. **H.S.A.** – **Susan** said many other agencies front load the H.S.A. so it helps the employee offset some of the deductibles. **Susan** recommends we follow suit. **Clinton** agreed and thinks it is a positive idea. **Eric** was supporting of the concept. **Susan** m/m to request the Clerk-Treasurer to Front Load the remaining of the 50% in the next pay cycle for the H.S.A. then split the remainder throughout the remaining pay periods of 2017 - **Clinton** 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4-0 approved.

K. **Additional Funding for the Special Census** – The census' estimate was about \$20,000 less than what is needed to complete the census. It should close out within 10 days and they are 84% complete. **Susan** m/m to authorize an additional \$25,000 to the project, **Clinton** 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4-0 adopted.

- L. **Dax's back-up when he is gone – Susan m/m to make Jason the 2<sup>nd</sup> in command when Dax is not around, Clinton 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4-0 adopted.**

9. **TOWN ADMINISTRATION REPORT** – Year-end review – Dax said the town got a lot done and have gotten more professional about how we spend the budget and have new procedures in place. The Town Hall Bond has \$33k left, but the lighting to replace every light is close to \$1600. Another project **Dax** would like to see is an AV project to improve the Council meetings with better projectors and other Audio/Video options. There will be almost one beauty pageant every month. There will be a landscaping plan for approx. \$140k. **Dax** suggests the Maple Grove Bond pays for the landscaping. **Dax** recognized **Brittany's** new position as Assistant Planner/Executive Assistant. **Dave Taylor** is now the Department leader of the Building Department. **Tanya** is now the official department leader of the Public Relations Department. **Susan** and **Eric** thanked everyone for their hard work.

10. **ADJOURN – Clinton m/m to adjourn, Susan 2<sup>nd</sup>; 4-0 adjourned at 8:11pm.**

The minutes from a Regular Town Council meeting on January 11, 2017 are approved on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017 by the following Town Council Members:

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Eric Miller, President

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Susan Austin

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Clinton Bohm

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Jeff Wishek

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Kevin Russell

Attest:

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Matthew Sumner, Clerk-Treasurer